



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 10  
1200 Sixth Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98101

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August 5, 2002

Reply To  
Attn Of: ECL-115

Cathy LeBret  
Office of U.S. Representative Nethercutt  
555 S. Main Street  
Colville, Washington 99114

Dear Ms. LeBret:

EPA appreciates your visit of July 15, 2002 to the EPA office in Seattle to discuss the ongoing investigation of hazardous substance contamination at the Upper Columbia River site in northeast Washington. Please find enclosed a copy of the meeting attendance sheet.

During the meeting, Mr. Andy Dunau of the Lake Roosevelt Forum raised the Lake Roosevelt Cooperative Management Agreement ("Agreement") as a topic of discussion and expressed concern about a perceived lack of communication by EPA with the parties to the Agreement regarding the investigation of contamination at the Upper Columbia River site under the federal Superfund Program. Given the concern expressed at the meeting that EPA has not communicated with the Department of Interior (DOI) bureaus and the Tribes appropriately, EPA will be seeking clarification from the Department of Interior, the Spokane Indian Tribe and the Colville Confederated Tribes regarding the appropriate protocol to be followed in the future.

Also raised at the meeting was the perceived lack of communication by EPA with the appropriate parties in obtaining permits to conduct sampling at the Columbia River. I appreciated your feedback and insight on this. To help clarify the communication by EPA with state and tribal representatives prior to collecting samples at the Columbia River in 2001, please refer to the enclosed Records of Communication.

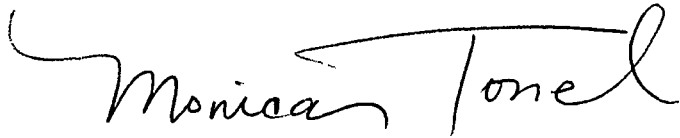
As we discussed, EPA will be conducting public input and stakeholder meetings to provide interested parties the opportunity to present their views on the technical findings of the CERCLA site investigation as well as any other aspect of EPA's involvement at the Site.



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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dave Croxton, Unit Manager for the Upper Columbia River site at (206) 553-6694 or myself at (206) 553-0323.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica Tonel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the "l" in "Tonel" across the top of the word "Monica".

Monica Tonel  
Site Assessment Manager

Enclosures

July 15, 2002

Upper Columbia River  
Meeting Attendance  
EPA Office, Seattle

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Rich McAllister EPA Office of Regional Counsel  
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Judy Smith EPA Community Involvement  
206-553-6246

David Croxton EPA, Superfund Site Cleanup + Brownfields manager 206-553-6694

Andy Duran <sup>509 535-7084</sup> LRT Executive Director

Cathy LeBret Congressman <sup>Methercatt</sup> 509-684-3481

Frank B. Andrews Jr NPS/LARO (509) 633-9441 x132

~~Bill Dunbar~~ EPA 206/553-1203

Elizabeth McKenna EPA/ORC 206 553-0016

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Monica Tanel

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cc: pinek@mail.rfweston.com, Mark Ader/R10/USEPA/US@EPA

Subject: Lake Roosevelt

Susan, I've contacted the Colville Confederated Tribes History and Archaeology Department to request clearance for EPA's sediment sampling locations [this is something we typically have to do when sampling activities occur near or on potentially impacted reservation lands]. I've already provided the Archaeology Department with a copy of the SOPs contained in the draft SQAP, the proposed sediment sample location maps, and other paperwork/forms they requested.

Steve Tromly, CCT's archaeologist does not see a problem with providing EPA clearance on the sampling locations. HOWEVER, before he can respond to EPA with a letter of clearance he wants to be able to observe sample collection activities at Grand Coulee Dam. **Please coordinate logistics and schedule with**

**Mr. Tromly so that he can be on board the boat to observe sample collection activities at Grand Coulee Dam.**

Once he has observed activities at Grand Coulee Dam, he does not see a problem with the field team continuing on. **Steve Tromly can be reached at (509)634-2696.**

Feel free to call with questions. - Monica Tanel

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May 17, 2001

Reply To  
Attn Of: ECL-115

Louie Wynne  
Spokane Tribe  
P.O. Box 100  
6187 Agency Loop  
Wellpinit, Washington 99040

Dear Mr. Wynne:

Thank you for your time in speaking with me regarding EPA's planned sampling activities along the Upper Columbia River. The enclosed documents are being provided in follow-up to our conversation. The enclosures include copies of:

- "Request for Cultural Resource Information" form, completed by EPA and sent to Adeline Fredin of the Colville Confederated Tribes History/Archaeology Department, 4/18/2001;
- Sampling and Quality Assurance Plan for the Upper Columbia River sampling with maps showing proposed sample locations; and,
- EPA fact sheet describing field activities along the Upper Columbia River to be conducted this year.

As we discussed, EPA and its authorized contractor personnel have been in contact with Steve Tromly of CCT regarding field sampling activities along the upper Columbia River. I will continue to keep you informed of EPA's related field activities.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter, and should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (206) 553-0323.

Sincerely,

*Monica Tonel*

Monica Tonel  
Site Assessment Manager

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Enclosures

<b>RECORD OF COMMUNICATION</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PHONE CALL <input type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION <input type="checkbox"/> FIELD TRIP <input type="checkbox"/> CONFERENCE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) _____	
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<b>TO:</b> Bill Bidstrup DNR Land Manager, NE Region (509) 684-7474		<b>FROM:</b> Monica Tonel EPA (206) 553-0323	
		<b>DATE</b> 5/18/2001 <b>TIME</b> _____	
<b>SUBJECT</b> Sampling at Upper Columbia River			
<b>SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION</b>  <p>I contacted Bill Bidstrup of WA DNR to describe EPA's planned sampling activities along the Upper Columbia River and to inquire about any permits that would be required of EPA in order to conduct the sampling.</p> <p>Mr. Bidstrup explained to me that because the planned sampling is being conducted under the authority of CERCLA, EPA is exempt from state permits AND EPA should, however continue to coordinate with Ecology and the Tribes.</p> <p>Mr. Bidstrup explained to me that DNR asserts ownership of sediments from:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">the center of the River to the original high water mark prior to the dam being constructed EXCLUDING reservation portions on the west side of the River.</p> <p>Mr. Bidstrup stated that the same applies to the Pend Oreille River</p> <p>Mr Bidstrup further stated that DNR does not assert ownership of sediments at the original high water mark before the dam to the current high water mark.</p>			
<b>CONCLUSIONS, ACTION TAKEN OR REQUIRED</b>  <p>Based on the determination communicated by DNR to EPA, the CERCLA program is exempt from permit requirements for those samples to be collected below the original high water mark on state-owned lands.</p>			
Recorded by: <i>Monica Tonel</i>			
<b>INFORMATION COPIES</b> <b>TO:</b> Official EPA CERCLA site file			



# Colville Confederated Tribes

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June 1, 2001

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Monica Tonel  
EPA Region 10  
1200 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. (ECL-115)  
Seattle, WA 98101

Environmental Cleanup Office

Re: Toxicity Testing Within Lake Roosevelt

Ms. Tonel:

This office represents the Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT) cultural resources concerns within current and past reservation boundaries and within the CCT Traditional Territories. The toxicity testing that EPA has proposed and is conducting lies within these boundaries and territories.

On May 16, 2001 this office had myself meet with your field staff to conduct a prefield assessment of the proposed undertaking. During the course of this meeting it was noted that some testing, although minimal in ground disturbance, would occur within areas of known cultural resources. Based upon this it was agreed that EPA field representatives and myself would meet with the Park Service Archaeologist Ray DePuydt on the morning of May 17, 2001 to offset some of the testing and set up a monitoring plan. This meeting helped to alleviate some concerns, and offset testing to avoid known cultural resources. Following this meeting I accompanied your crew during testing and ascertained that there was little chance of impact to unknown cultural resources from the testing being conducted. Mr. DePuydt accompanied EPA field personnel a few days later and was satisfied that the testing had little probability of damaging unknown cultural resources. Based upon this monitoring and EPA's willingness to offset testing in order to avoid known cultural resources this office concurs with the Toxicity Testing for Lake Roosevelt.

If during the course of the project cultural resources are located all work should be halted and this office as well as Ray DePuydt, National Park Service, should be notified immediately. If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact me @ (509) 634-2696.

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Sincerely



Stephen Tromly  
Archaeologist  
CCT History/Archaeology

Attachment: CCT Reservations and Traditional Territories

cc: Ray DePuydt, NPS  
Louie Wynne, THPO Spokane Tribe  
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